

decline policies, that is, they have determined that the water is going to be mined and that the situation cannot be stabilized. They have admitted failure, in my opinion. I don't want the nitrate problem to become like that problem. I don't want it to get that far. I want the Legislature to be aware of what is going on quickly and to prompt the NRD's to act to correct the situation before the economic forces are so overwhelming that we will be paralyzed to act.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have a number of other points that I would like to make. I guess I'm not going to get them all made at this point in time, but let me finish with one last point, Mr. President, if I may, and that is simply this. When we measure today with regard to nitrate pollution, when we measure a well today we are not measuring reality. We are not measuring today's reality. We are measuring an illusion and what I mean by that is that you have to understand that nitrates infiltrate into the water inch by inch, foot by foot, over a period of time through the soil down into the water bearing soil levels, so that the nitrate that is measured in the water today, if you stopped at this moment in time applying nitrates to the surface, three, four, five years from now you would still measure increased concentrations in the water level because over that period of time the nitrates already applied would continue seeping down into the water. So whatever the measurements are today, the situation, in fact, is worse. Nobody knows how much worse, but all logic and common sense tells you it is worse. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler, there is another motion here. Do you wish to take up your amendment now or the other motion?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well with the permission of the introducer of that motion I would put the bill in the form that I would like to have it in and then proceed from there.

PRESIDENT: If that is agreeable, we will take up the amendment now.